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Type of Agreement	Date	Purpose	Signatories
MOU	November 17, 2008	Establishes the REAT. Provides for a streamlined permitting process for renewable energy projects, reduces substantially the permit processing time, and provides guidance to applicants on siting consideration and conservation strategies.	CEC, CDFW
MOU	November 2008	Establishes the California Renewable Energy Permit Team (REPT). Facilitates coordination between the signatory agencies to develop guidelines and a comprehensive conservation strategy that would help reduce the timelines for siting, development, permitting, and construction of qualifying RPS projects in the Mojave Desert and Colorado Desert regions while enhancing and maximizing environmental protections.	USFWS, BLM, CEC, CDFW,
MOU	October 12, 2009	Takes actions necessary to implement Executive Order EO S-14-08 and SO Secretarial Order 3285. ¹	DOI, State of California
Planning Agreement	May 10, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines the agencies' goals and commitments with regard to development of the DRECP. • Defines the geographic scope of the Plan Area. • Identifies a preliminary list of natural communities and species known or reasonably expected to be found in those communities that are intended to be the initial focus of the DRECP. • Identifies preliminary conservation objectives for the Plan Area. • Establishes a process for the inclusion of independent scientific input into the DRECP development process. • Ensures coordination between the wildlife agencies, CEC, and BLM, consistent with federal and state law. • Establishes an interim process to be used during DRECP development to review and act on project proposals within the Plan Area in a manner that is consistent with achieving the preliminary conservation objectives and maintaining viable conservation opportunities and alternatives for the DRECP. • Ensures public participation and outreach throughout the DRECP development process. 	CEC, CDFW, USFWS, BLM

¹ See discussion of these directives in Section I.0.1.

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Memorandum of Agreement	May 19, 2010	Establishes a REAT account that may be used by project developers to deposit funding for specified mitigation for approved renewable energy projects in the Mojave Desert and Colorado Desert regions of Southern California. Each project using the REAT Account will be an individual subaccount of the REAT Account for tracking, compliance, and accounting purposes. Establishes process for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to disburse the mitigation funding for each project subaccount.	USFWS, BLM, CEC, CDFW, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
MOU	September 8, 2011	Forms a cooperative relationship between the agencies to effectively plan for and promote renewable energy development in California in a way that advances the CSLC's renewable energy development initiatives and statutory directives applicable to CSLC-managed school lands. Facilitates CSLC's participation with the REAT agencies to develop and implement the DRECP, and enables the CSLC to become a plan permittee/participant.	USFWS, BLM, CEC, CDFW, and CSLC
MOU	January 13, 2012	Takes the necessary actions to further the implementation of AB 32, SB X1-2, and SO 3285A1 in a cooperative, collaborative, and timely manner.	DOI, State of California
MOA	May 21, 2012	Assists the federal and state agencies in accomplishing timely and effective land exchanges that facilitate meeting AB 32 and SBX2 and the Secretary's Order 3285A1 in a cooperative collaborative manner. Describes each Party's objective(s) in completing land tenure adjustments. Describes a process to develop, process and complete land exchanges which accomplish the Parties' objectives.	BLM, CSLC
MOU	November 27, 2012	Forms a cooperative relationship between the parties to renewable energy project permitting while conserving biological and natural resources on BLM lands within the DRECP area. Memorializes and makes specific the parties' intention to cooperate and coordination between the agencies to protect and conserve fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat within the DRECP area utilizing specific tools BLM is authorized to use pursuant to FLPMA.	BLM, CDFW

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Type of Agreement	Date	Purpose	Signatories
MOU	December 2012	Forms a cooperative relationship between the Parties to effectively plan for and promote renewable energy development in California; consistent with DOD's military mission and to facilitate coordination between the Parties to develop and implement the DRECP and renewable energy projects in the State of California.	REAT agencies, DOD
MOU	December 4, 2012, December 11, 2012, February 2013, and March 2013	Forms a cooperative relationship between the Parties to effectively plan for and promote renewable energy development in California in a way that advances California's renewable energy development initiatives and the renewable energy policies of the Parties and to develop and implement the DRECP in a manner that is consistent with the planning goals set forth in the Planning Agreement and with the applicable policies of the County.	CEC and , County of San Bernardino, County of Imperial, County of Los Angeles, and County of Inyo, respectively

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